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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MIRCEA MURESAN, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

MERCK & CO., INC., SCHERING-PLOUGH CORPORATION, and MERCK/SCHERING-PLOUGH PHARMACEUTICALS

Defendants.

CASE NO. 4:08-cv-00929-SBA

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
EXTENDING TIME TO ANSWER,
MOVE OR OTHERWISE RESPOND
TO COMPLAINT PENDING
DECISION ON
TRANSFER BY JUDICIAL PANEL
ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

The Plaintiff Mircea Muresan (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Merck & Co., Inc., Schering-Plough Corp., and Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals (“Defendants”) by and through their counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. That Plaintiff filed the Complaint in this action on February 13, 2008;

2. That the last day for Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals to file a responsive pleading is March 17, 2008, and the last day for Schering-Plough Corp. to file a responsive pleading is March 18, 2008;

3. That a hearing is scheduled before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) in Austin, Texas for March 27, 2008. At that hearing, the JPML shall consider the centralization of this, and other, pending actions involving the pharmaceuticals Vytorin and Zetia;

4. That Defendants wish to defer their responses to Plaintiff's Complaint until the conclusion of the JPML hearing; and

5. That Plaintiff agrees to an extension of time as set forth in the proposed Order below.

DATED: March ___, 2008.

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By /s/ Steven J. Boranian

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DATED: March 2008.

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By /s/ Eric Gibb

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ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on application of the Defendants for an extension of time to answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint pending a decision on centralization of this and other matters by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“MDL Panel”) in MDL

1 Docket No. 1938, In Re Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales and Products Liability Litigation, and the
2 Plaintiff having stipulated to the extension on the terms set forth below, it is hereby
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4 ORDERED that the Defendants shall notify the Court of the decision of the MDL Panel
5 within three business days after the MDL Panel issues its decision, and it is further
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7 ORDERED that the time within which the Defendants may answer, move or otherwise
8 respond to the Complaint in the above matter is hereby extended to a date to be set at the first
9 scheduling conference after the MDL Panel issues its decision, and it is further
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11 ORDERED that if the Defendants file a responsive pleading in any other similar action
12 pending in another federal district court, they shall notify the Plaintiff's counsel before filing such a
13 pleading, and the Plaintiff may then file a motion to amend this Order. Defendants reserve the right
14 to oppose such a motion, and it is further
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16 ORDERED that nothing in this Order shall prevent any party to this action from filing any
17 and all pleadings, motions and/or responses the party deems necessary or otherwise appropriate
18 before the MDL Panel concerning transfer and/or centralization of this or other action(s).
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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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23 HON. SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG, U.S.D.J.
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